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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/811,449
Applicant: Yutaka OKAMOTO
Filing Date: March 20, 2001
For: DIGITAL DATA PLAY BACK
APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR PLAYING BACK DIGITAL DATA
Group Art Unit: 2616
Examiner: ONUAKU, C.
Date Allowed: December 2, 2004

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

The following comment is in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided in the Notice of Allowability dated December 2, 2004.

The Statement of Reasons For Allowance included on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability states that “[r]egarding claim 1, the invention relates to an improvement of a digital data play back apparatus and a method for playing back digital data which is optically, magnetically or opto-magnetically recorded on a recording medium such as a disc or the like.” The Applicant, however, that Claim 1 does not recite *an improvement of a method for playing back digital data which is optically, magnetically or opto-magnetically recorded on a recording medium such as a disc or the like*, as suggested by this statement.

Additionally, the Statement of Reasons For Allowance included on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability states that “[r]egarding claim 8, the invention relates to an improvement of a digital data play back apparatus and a method for playing back digital data

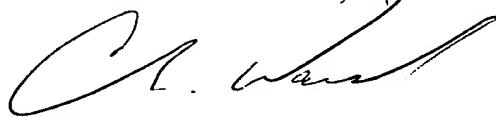
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which is optically, magnetically or opto-magnetically recorded on a recording medium such as a disc or the like.” The Applicant, however, that Claim 8 does not recite *an improvement of a digital data play back apparatus* for playing back digital data *which is optically, magnetically or opto-magnetically recorded on a recording medium such as a disc or the like*, as suggested by this statement.

The Applicant submits that the above statements do not describe the claimed subject matter recited in allowed independent Claims 1 and 8 of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not accurately reflect the subject matter recited in Claims 1 and 8, and thus the Applicant submits that these statements in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are not applicable to the claims.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Cover Sheet
- PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181
- Filing Receipt date-stamped 3/20/01 (Courtesy Copy)
- Information Disclosure Statement (Courtesy Copy)
- Statement of Relevancy (Courtesy Copy)
- PTO-1449 (Courtesy Copy)
- 2 Cited References (Courtesy Copy)
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Information Disclosure Statement (Courtesy Copy)

Statement of Relevancy (Courtesy Copy)

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181

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SIR:

37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) allows petition to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner in appropriate circumstances.

The Applicant respectfully petitions in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) to compel consideration by the Examiner of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on March 20, 2001, a re-signed copy of which is attached as well as a date-stamped filing receipt.

The Applicant notes that the Notice of Allowance dated December 2, 2004, did not include a copy of the IDS filed on March 20, 2001. Accordingly, the Applicant requests a copy of the IDS filed on March 20, 2001, that is signed and dated by the Examiner as being considered as required under MPEP 609 III. C. 2., in order to clarify that the Japanese reference cited in the IDS has been considered and made of record.

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It is respectfully requested that this Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 be granted and the Examiner compelled to provide the Applicant with a signed and dated copy of the IDS filed on March 20, 2001.

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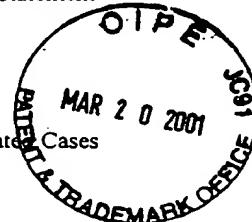
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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- 71 pp. Specification 14 Claims/Drawings 24 Sheets (Formals)
and 1 page Application Data Sheet
- Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 2 pages
- List of Inventor Names and Addresses
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal
- Notice of Priority
- Check for \$750.00
- Fee Transmittal Form
- Assignment/PTO 1595 pages: 3
- Letter to Official Draftsman
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- Letter
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- Information Disclosure Statement
- Cited References (2)
- Search Report
- Statement of Relevancy
- IDS/Related/List of Related Cases
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

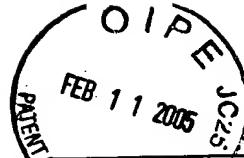
Reference AA (4,890,299) on Form PTO-1449:

This document discloses a system wherein 5 to 7 amplitude values of a PR equalization waveform are converted to 3 values, and a timing is recovered based on the converted amplitude values. This invention is different from the present invention wherein a timing is extracted from the PR equalization waveform without converting the amplitude values.

Reference AO (2000-195191) on Form PTO-1449:

This document relates to a timing acquisition method for a PR-class equalization waveform with 2 to 3 amplitude values. This method cannot be applied to a PR-class equalization waveform with 5 to amplitude values.

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